

Monday, May 11, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4603–S4637

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2057–2061. **Page S4630**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Report to accompany S. 1723, The American Competitiveness Act. (S. Rept. No. 105–186)

S. 1364, to eliminate unnecessary and wasteful Federal reports, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–187)

S. 981, to provide for analysis of major rules, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–188)

S. 2060, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. (S. Rept. No. 105–189)

Report to accompany S. 2037, WIPO Copyright Treaty Implementation. (S. Rept. No. 105–190).

S. 2057, to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

S. 2058, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for defense activities of the Department of Energy.

S. 2059, to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military construction. **Page S4630**

Agriculture Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act—Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, and to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, on Tuesday, May 12, 1998. **Pages S4616–18**

Missile Defense System: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1873,

to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack. **Pages S4618–24**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, May 13, 1998. **Page S4618**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report entitled “Class-Size Reduction and Teacher Quality Act of 1998”; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–123). **Page S4628**

Transmitting the annual report of that the National Institute of the Building Sciences for fiscal year 1996; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–124). **Page S4628**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Raner Christercunean Collins, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Robert S. Lasnik, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Virginia A. Phillips, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Commissioner of Customs.

James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement.

Elizabeth Bresee, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S4627, S4637**

Messages From the President: **Pages S4627–28**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 12, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4636.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and related agencies, receiving testimony from numerous public witnesses.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 13.

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Bills Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 3824–3827; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 118, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on Friday, May 8, H.R. 2431, to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution, amended (H. Rept. 105–480 Part 2);

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H.R. 2556, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act, amended (H. Doc. 105–522).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C.

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Presidential Message—Class Size Reduction and Teacher Quality: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his legislative proposal entitled “Class-Size Reduction and Teacher Quality Act of 1998”—referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–249).

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3017.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 2635, Human Rights Information Act. Testimony was heard from Lee Strickland, Information and Privacy Coordinator, CIA; Steven Garfinkel, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense BRAC environmental programs, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on S. 1868, to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted for their faith worldwide, to authorize United States actions in response to religious persecution worldwide, to establish an Ambassador at Large on International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious